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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

Response to Amendment

1. The reply filed on 9/16/2004 is not fully responsive to the prior Office Action. While Applicant did state that the amendment filed 10/1/2003 contains no new matter, and specifically cancel Fig. 3., the reply does not overcome the objections set forth in section 1 of the Office Action dated 10/29/2003. That is, while Applicant elected invention I, a core melt retention device located on the cavity floor of the containment vessel as depicted in original Fig. 1, Applicant's proposed amendment and new Fig. 1 (submitted 8/7/2003), are drawn to the non-elected invention depicted in original Fig. 2. Note that the new Figs. 1 and 2 were never entered, and neither were the amendments to the claims submitted in the non-responsive reply dated 12/24/2003.
2. As stated in the Office Action dated 10/29/2003, Applicant has two avenues for recourse:
 - A. To continue prosecution of the current application (09/742,302) - Under RCE rules, Applicant can cancel the amendments and figures drawn to the non-elected embodiment and reintroduce a claim drawn to the elected embodiment, i.e., that which is depicted in original Fig. 1.
 - B. To pursue prosecution of the most recently entered subject matter (i.e., claim 1 and new Figs. 1 and 2 drawn to invention II of Paper no. 9) - Applicant is required to abandon the current application and file a divisional application. See MPEP § 201.06.
3. Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be *bona fide*, applicant is given **ONE (1) MONTH or THIRTY (30) DAYS** from the mailing date of this notice, whichever is longer, within which to supply the omission or correction in order to avoid abandonment. See 37 CFR

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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Alexandra Awai whose telephone number is (517) 272-3079.

The examiner can normally be reached on 9:30-6:00 Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jack Keith can be reached on (571) 272-6878. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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